

# SNIPPETS

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Lady Marie Howard receiving her Honorary Life Membership from Ken Wilks

## GOLD COAST MEETINGS

General Meetings: 11am Sunday August 31st  
11am Sunday November 30th

Management Committee Meetings- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the  
Month

Australian Facetors' Guild- Gold Coast Group Meetings  
5th August 2014 & 7th October (7pm start)



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## FROM THE EDITOR

Do you have something you would like to share in 'Snippets'? Or a question you would like an answer to?

Are you aware of the Snippets box? { its situated outside the faceting room window next to the OLD POLISHER} Just put your thoughts or questions in the box I will endeavour to find the answers for you. (we have a wealth of knowledge in the club)

It would be great if any items for July 'Snippets' could be in my hands by June 15th then the draft 'Snippets' can be given to the president for approval prior to the committee meeting on Tuesday 8th July.

Deadline is Friday, 4th July

My Email address: [seiira@bigpond.net.au](mailto:seiira@bigpond.net.au) or you can contact me on 55-292884 /mob: 0418-537234

Thanks Deborah



## Gold Coast Lapidary Club Inc

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### The Management Committee 2014-2015

President Wayne Schulz 55 687616 / 0417-96185	Vice President 1 Geoff Saunders 0407125567
Secretary Asha Braksator 0427071224	Vice President 2 Ken Wilks 55 789419
Treasurer Vicki Lumm 55 247951 / 0418466130	Member Secretary Deborah Ensor 0418537234

#### General Committee

Chez Siwka 55 799989	Jadwiga Siwka 5579 9989	Steve Profke 0419471332	Denis Burton 55 276488
Robert McGregor 55323469	Allen Frentz 5571 6436		

### Management Positions

Show Coordinator Jane Ellen Toro 0145 909317	Snippets Editor Deborah Ensor 0418537234/55292884
Purchasing Officer Geoff Saunders 0407 125567	Club Curator Burt Last 0401355271
Senior Librarian Liz Nicholas	Assistant Librarian Jadwiga Siwka
Raffle Coordinator Pru Aguinaldo	
Show Stall Conveners: Elaine Arch-Row & Pru Aguinaldo	

### Judges

Faceting - Robert McGregor	Cabochons - Ken Wilks	Carving - Allen Frentz
Silversmith/wire work Lady Marie Howard and Jadwiga Siwka		

### Instructors & Workshop Times

#### **Monday 10am to 3pm**

Cabbing	Ray Tolley	55 244642
Beading	Di Scott	0400 342717
Faceting	To Be Advised	

#### **Monday 7pm to 9.00pm**

Evening Cabbing	John Nelmes 0412 575995 & Terry Houghton 55 946814
Opal Cutting and Polishing	Jason Neville 0433 691025
Faceting	To Be Advised

#### **Tuesday 10am to 3pm**

Cabbing	Shirley Sunderland	0411 175095
Bone Carving	John Tonkin	55 3471121
Faceting	To Be Advised	
Free Form Boats ( 1st and 2nd week of the month)	Laurence Yannacelli 55 772185	

#### **Wednesday 10am to 3pm**

Silver Jewellery/Wire Wrapping	Marie Howard 0428 732276 & Jadwiga Siwka 55 799989
Cabbing	Denise Burton 55 276448
Faceting	Steve Profke 0419 471332
Investing	Book with Instructor Geoff Saunders 55 687616 / 0407 125567

#### **Wednesday 7pm to 9.00pm**

Evening Basic Silver	Jadwiga Siwka 55 799989 / 0419 756533
Cabbing	Mal Wanchap 55 798908
Faceting	Peter Smith 55 305826 & Chez Siwka 55 799989 / 0407 7598755

#### **Thursday 10am to 3pm**

Cabbing	Shirley Sunderland	0411 175095
Silver/Casting/Cabbing	Ron Barr	55 394737
Faceting	Brian Brown 55 278552 & Lawrence Yannacelli 55 772185	
Casting	Book with Instructor	Geoff Saunders 55 687616 / 0407 125567

#### **Friday 10am to 3pm**

Cabbing	To Be Advised
Faceting	To Be Advised

#### **Friday 7pm to 9.00pm**

Evening Cabbing	Ron Palmada	55 345701
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#### **Saturday 9am to 3pm**

Cabbing	Alex Toro 0411 805378
Faceting	George Tsakmakis 55 909470
Soap Stone Carving/Viking Chain	Merv Scott 55 314576

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

June 2014

Well members thank you for your support and encouragement in placing me in this position of drive and trust. I guess I could say strap yourselves in for the ride but I am not that type as most of you would be aware, I prefer to look at where I am then make decisions on advise, opinion and importantly what is the best for the Club.

I will however let you know that once I commit myself I give 100% and look for return in kind from those that the Club belongs to, its members. We are in an exciting time as I believe that there is a feeling of expectancy within our members and this will ensure we have a successful show, development plan for our rear car park and proposed extensions and other activities that we will undertake which will require a united effort to keep under way and moving forward.

I would ask that we all remember that we are volunteer run and that everyone can do with a “thank you” or “you’re appreciated” as it goes a long way in encouragement.

Put your hand up for the little things and big things become little as others follow.

Thank you again for your support, it is appreciated and I will do my best to take the club forward successfully for another year with the help of my dedicated team and club membership.

I think in respect of my predecessors words, which I will use this last time, until I find my own.

Have tolerance for, your fellow Lapidarians



*The Gold Coast Lapidary Club wishes to express their sincere thanks to Michael Hart local MP, who has offered the facilities of his office for photocopying our Snippets Newsletter.*



# CAUGHT BY OUR 'CAMERA LADY' -JADWIGA

Elena Sparks receiving her door prize  
From Geoff



Look who's taking a SELFIE  
our very own 'Camera Lady' Jadwiga



Our two 'BBQ Chefs'  
they did a fabulous job cooking our  
lunch . Thanks Peter & Geoff .



Raising a glass for our departed friends  
Joan, Jillian and Michael



Member's enjoying catch up and of course their  
sausages & salad



Sir Paul Howard receives his Thirty Year member-  
ship badge from our retiring president Geoff



***"Don't count the minutes,  
make every minute count"***

## CERTIFICATES

Presented this month



Wayne and Mal presenting  
Vivienne Bedwell with her  
Cabbing Certificate

**CONGRATULATIONS !**

## JUNE BIRTHSTONES

**Alexandrite:** Balance  
confidence and joy

**Moonstone:** good for-  
tune, tender passion and  
Balance

**Pearl:** Modesty, purity,  
beauty & happiness

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION! All silver smith enthusiasts—Its your time to shine .**

As of August 2014 we will be holding in house monthly competitions.

Our Judge's are Lady Marie Howard and Jadwiga Siwka.

The sections are as follows-: (limit 2 items per member)

- A) Hand fabricated silver jewelery with lapidary items cut and set by the member.
- B) Hand fabricated silver jewelery with commercial lapidary item
- C) Hand fabricated silver jewelery item with out any lapidary item.



Should you have any queries please have a chat to either Marie or Jadwiga.

Items must be placed in the competition box mounted on the wall in the cabbing room. Please make sure you have clearly put your name and item description in a zip locked plastic bag.

By the last working day of the month.

## UPCOMING GEM SHOW DATES

June 28th—Gold Coast Gem Show gates open 8am—4pm

June 21st—Deception Bay Gem Show, Community Hall, Cnr Ewart St & Raymond Tce, Deception Bay

July 12th-13th- Hervey Bay Gem Show, 33-49 Hughes St Hervey Bay

July 12th— Caboolture GemFest , Caboolture Historical Village, Beerburrum Rd Caboolture

July 31st-Aug 3rd—Lightning Ridge Opal Festival, RSL Lightning Ridge NSW

August 2nd— Ipswich Lapidary Gem Show, Ipswich Showgrounds, Warwick Rd Ipswich

August 7th-10th— Anakie GemFest, Allan King Memorial Park, Anakie

August 15th-16th Goldfest, Clermont Central Queensland

August 16th-17th— Central Queensland Gem Show, Monto Qld

September 5th-12th—AFG Seminar—Glen Innes <http://www.facetorsguild.com.au/afg-seminar.html>

October 4th Beenleigh Gem Festival, Beenleigh Showgrounds, James Street, Beenleigh

October 11th-12th— Central coast Lapidary Show, Mingara Sports & Recreational Club, Mingara Rd, Tumbi Umbi

October 25th-26th— Toowoomba Gemfest, Centenary Heights High School, Ramsay St Toowoomba

November 8th-9th— Bundaberg GemFair— Bundaberg Civic Centre, Burbong St Bundaberg

November 15th SunCoast GemShow, Mooloolaba State School, Douglas St, Mooloolaba

*If you know of any other Gem shows , please place the info in the SNIPPETS BOX or email me on [seiira@bigpond.net.au](mailto:seiira@bigpond.net.au) - Thanks Deb*

## DID YOU KNOW THAT THE CLUB HIRES OUT METAL DETECTORS?

2 SIZES

STANDARD COIL 9 inch      ROUND MONOLOOP 11 inch

DAILY HIRE \$4.00 per day      WEEKLY HIRE \$25.00 (maximum hire 4 weeks)

Conditions apply – see instructions near the blue box in club rooms

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT BILL FALLON ON 5530 2237 or 0414-35423



**NEWS FLASH****BEADING ON MONDAYS**

Come and join Di and the beading ladies on Mondays 10am—3pm

Guaranteeing laughter and fun whilst you learn the art of Seed Beading

contact Di Scott on 0400-342717



Associate members welcome

**WE WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Burk Crosby

we look forward to seeing you around the club room.

**EXTENDING A WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS**

Why don't you come along to the general meetings, next meeting is Sunday 31st of August 2014 starting at 11am followed by a BBQ

**Elena's Cookies**

For those of you who are at the club on Wednesday's there is no need to introduce you to Elena's cookies. Elena has kindly offered to share the recipe

**ORGANIC COOKIES FROM ELENA SPARKS****Ingredients:**

- 1) 2 CUPS OF SELF-RISING FLOUR
  - 2) 2 TABLESPOONS OF ALMOND MEAL
  - 3) 3/4 CUP OF ORGANIC COCONUT OIL
  - 4) 3/4 CUP OF RAW SUGAR
  - 5) 4 EGGS (BEATEN)
- NUTS (OPTIONAL: HAZELNUT, ALMOND OR WALNUTS)
- POPPY SEEDS
- SPICES: VANILLA, CINNAMON, CARDAMOM, CLOVES, NUTMEG, MIXED SPICE, STAR ANISE

**Baking Process:**

- MIX ALL THE INGREDIENTS THOROUGHLY
- PLACE BAKING PAPER ON A TRAY
- USE A DESSERT SPOON TO GRAB THE MIXTURE AND PLACE IT ON THE TRAY IN SMALL CIRCLES
- DO NOT PRE HEAT THE OVEN
- SET THE OVEN TO APPROX 200oC
- COOK FOR 10-15 MINUTES

**10 Year Membership Badges where awarded to:**

**Ron Barr**  
**Pru Aguinaldo**  
**Beverley Young**  
**Lorraine Turville**  
**John Morris**  
**Sik On Chow**

**RESULTS: 2014 MEMBERS' CHALLENGE**

*The following members have submitted the 2014 Members' Challenge and have Achieved 75% or higher—*  
*Congratulations to all.*

Keith Atlee, Rod Brown, Faye P Caines, Deborah Ensor, Sir Paul Howard, Lady Marie Howard, Jamie Irvine, Arthur Jones, Emmanuel Karakatsanis, Robert Keane, Jan Lippold, Elke Muhlberger, Gerard Patino, Steve Profke, Daniel Renneberg, Neville Sandoz, Geoff Saunders, Chris Sorenson, Uta Sorenson, Jennie Thompson, John Tonkin, Graham Thompson, Ken Wilks, Laurence Yannuccelli, Beverley Young,

The 'Challenge' answer sheet is now displayed on the notice board which you will find located adjacent to the facing room door.

Certificates will be presented in due course. (Available from the front desk )

A Big THANK YOU to all who participated

**Did you know PETS are better than Children!  
Why you might**

**ask.....  
WELL THEY**

- Eat Less
  - Usually come when call
  - Are easier to train
  - Don't ask for money all the time
  - Don't smoke
  - Don't hang out with friends who use drugs
  - Never ask to borrow the car
  - Don't need to buy the latest fashion
  - Don't wear your clothes
  - Don't need \$\$\$\$ for education
- And finally, if they get pregnant, you can sell their children for a profit





**June Birthday Wishes to the following members:**

Marlowe Barker  
 Lenora Collins de Luth  
 Debra Flueckiger  
 John Godfrey  
 Patti Lock  
 Elizabeth Rintel  
 Ray Tolley  
 JE Toro  
 and Ken Wilks



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*On behalf of the Committee of Management I would like to thank Sir Paul and Lady Marie Howard for their kind donation of this book into our Reference Library.*

**GCLC — MONTHLY CABBING COMPETITION**

From Steve Profke

The monthly cabbing competition had very good participation. There were thirteen entries, congratulations to all lapidarians who entered. The standard of all entries was high and it is good getting good support.

The highest scoring entry in the open division was John Tonkin (congratulations) with a score of 92.55. In the novice section the highest scoring entry was Diane Profke (congratulations) with a score of 86.65. In the novice section there was 5 scoring entries over 80 points and in the open there was 2 scoring entries in excess of 90 points.

Hopefully these high quality entries will continue to be received into the future, well done to "ALL" who competed.

